



# THE NVH OBSERVER

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## NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### From The Desk of Jerry Eisenhauer NVH Administrator

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Greetings,

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends!

Along with family and friends, I am very thankful for our dedicated and caring staff members. Many of our staff has been working overtime and long shifts in order to ensure that our members receive the care they need. It takes special people to work in health care and be willing to put in long hours and time away from their families. I hope we continue to have empathetic individuals take up this call as more veterans continue to need help.

Norfolk Veterans Home is "adopting" just such an individual, a young Marine who is also in need of our encouragement and prayers. On September 16, 2010, Neal Claar USMC, from Petersburg, Nebraska was severely wounded while serving with 3 BN 7 Marines (out of 29 Palms California) by a teenage suicide motorcyclist near Sagin, located in Helmand Province, Southern Afghanistan. He suffered extensive injuries to the left side of his body, including loss of sight in his left eye. Bones in his left leg had to be temporarily replaced with those of a cadaver due to infection. He also lost parts of two fingers and has numerous lacerations from shrapnel wounds. Both eardrums also need to be repaired.

Neal will be in the hospital for many months and will undergo extensive operations, including taking part of his pelvic bone to permanently replace the temporary one in his leg. He is also looking at extensive physical therapy and rehabilitation. Despite everything this young 24-year-old Nebraskan has endured these past few months, he has a very positive attitude and is in high spirits. This young Marine's determination as he faces the biggest challenge of his life is truly inspirational.

If any of you are interested in joining our efforts to form a support network for Neal, look for more information in the coming weeks.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Very Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We continue to take pride in "Caring for America's Heroes."

Sincerely,

Jerry Eisenhauer  
Administrator

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# VOLUNTEER CORNER

JENNY LAST, VOLUNTEER SERVICES COORDINATOR

A new reading program has been developed with Sacred Heart Elementary School. A couple of Veterans go into the classrooms and read to the children 1-2 times a month. Different teachers sign up for the month and time they would like to have the Veterans visit their classrooms. The teachers provide

the books to read and a captive audience. The Veterans that have been going to the school have really been enjoying their time in the classroom. During this visit **Lynn Cox and Marvin Jones** read to three kindergarten classes that morning. What fun!



Anyone interested in  
volunteer opportunities at  
the  
Norfolk Veterans Home  
contact  
Jenny Last  
Volunteer Service  
Coordinator  
Phone: (402) 370-3102  
E-Mail:  
jenny.last@dhhs.ne.gov



## THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON . . .



**WWII Veteran, Rolie Hart** was honored during the Marine Corp Birthday Party.

**Renee Tichota, NVH employee** for planning and putting together the **235th Marine Corp Birthday Party** on November 10th to honor the eight Marines that live here at NVH. She showed a short video from the Commandant and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corp and the Marines were served cake and toasted the Marine Corp with some mock-

bubbly. Traditionally, the youngest Marine serves the oldest Marine the first piece of cake on this special day. The Marine Corp recruiter was not able to join us, but did bring gifts for all of the guys and had Renee read a message to these men. Renee is the proud mother of a young Marine and is married to a Marine as well, this is where she gets her passion!

## HEARTFELT THANKS



Charleen Walters, Nebraska American Legion Auxiliary Department President delivers a heartfelt thanks to

all of our Veterans at the Annual American Legion Family Dollar Days Celebration. All were treated to a fantastic patriotic performance by the **Norfolk Public Middle School's Honor Choir**, led by **Nancy Woeppel**. Each Member of NVH received \$5 for serving their country and

cookies and punch were served after the program.



NPS students perform at NVH.



Carol Ulrich thanks Reggie Babb for his service to our country.

# SALUTE OUR NEW MEMBERS

NORFOLK VETERANS HOME WELCOMES YOU

**Jeanette Johnson**

Branch of Service: Spouse Darwin Johnson was in the Marines

Date of Service: N/A

Hometown: Creighton, NE

Occupation: Government Secretary



**THE NORFOLK VETERANS HOME IS A STATE OPERATED FACILITY PROVIDING  
LONG TERM CARE FOR ELIGIBLE NEBRASKA VETERANS.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING ADMISSION,**

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**LOCAL COUNTY SERVICE OFFICER**

**OR JOAN HULT @ (402) 370-3109**

**OR**

**COLLEEN BENSON @ (402) 370-3469**

## In Remembrance of Those Members Who Have Passed.

Although no sculptured marble should rise to their memory,  
nor engraved stone bear record of their deed, yet will their remembrance be as lasting as the land they honored.

~Daniel Webster

*Viola Bredehoft*

*Michael Mohr*

*Floyd Puntney*

*Harley Poland*

*Johnnie Messerly*

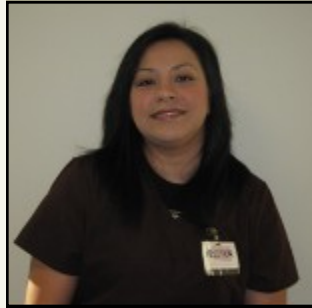


# NEW EMPLOYEES



**Chelsea Ryan**

Position: Staff Care Tech II  
Shift: 2 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.



**Jeanette Holtz**

Position: Staff Care Tech II  
Shift: 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.



**LeAnne Schwarting**

Position: Staff Care Tech II  
Shift: 2 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.



**Amanda Field**

Position: Staff Care Tech II  
Shift: 2 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.



**Deborah Helmick**

Position: Receptionist  
Shift: Weekend/Varied



**Carrie Bruland**

Position: Staff Care Tech II  
Shift: 2 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.



**Jody Reitz**

Position: Staff Care Tech II  
Shift: 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.



**Genevra (Genny) Graf**

Position: Staff Care Tech II  
Shift: 2 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.



**Tiffany Monroe**

Position: Staff Care Tech II  
Shift: 2 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER RESERVATIONS

MEMBERS, FAMILIES AND STAFF:  
REMEMBER TO MAKE YOUR  
CHRISTMAS DINNER RESERVATIONS  
NO LATER THAN  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> BY  
CALLING DEB BECKER @ 370-3110  
MAXIMUM OF 10 MEALS  
MEALS ARE \$2.50 EACH AND NEED TO  
BE PRE-PAID  
WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

Name: **Larry Comas**

Branch of the military served: **Army**

How many years of service: **3 years**

What was your occupation (military or afterwards): **Aviation  
Mechanic/Airfield Security**

Favorite past thing to do for leisure: **Watching a movie**

Favorite current thing to do for leisure: **Reading books, maga-  
zines and talking about them**

Favorite Person or Best Buddy: **My friend Mark in Illinois**

Favorite Color(s): **Blue or purple**

Favorite song: **"We All Believe In One True God" (Hymn)**

Favorite ice cream: **Rainbow Sherbet**

Most memorable moment: **The 2nd Qui Nhon Riots**

If you were king for a day, what would you do: **I can't imagine being a King for a day.**

What do you enjoy most about living at the Norfolk Veterans Home: **Taking a nap**

Can you give us some words of wisdom: **People who have reputations usually don't de-  
serve them.**

## Bits & Pieces

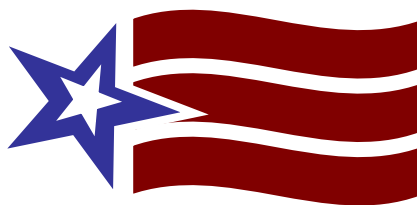
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5th grade students from Sacred Heart interviewed 9 Veterans from NVH as a special project for the month of November. **WWII Veteran, Lynn Cox** is giving this young lady his undivided attention. The Veterans were able to tour the school and eat lunch with the 5th graders before returning Home that day.

Norfolk Veterans Home Observer is published monthly  
for the members, families, staff and other interested parties.

## HOLIDAY REMINDER

***With the Christmas gift giving season upon us we want to remind and encourage everyone that all member items should be identified and inventoried by member services.***

***New items brought to the facility after admission are to be labeled and reported to member services for inclusion on the member inventory sheet.***

***New clothing items should be labeled with a laundry pen prior to sending to laundry for permanent labeling.***

***Family members are encouraged to place their member's items in a bag labeled with the member's name. This may be left at the nursing work room for delivery to laundry.***

***Family members who know prior to Christmas that new clothing items are the appropriate size, color, etc. may bring the items in early to be marked.***

***Any gifts that include electrical cords, need to be assessed by maintenance prior to being plugged in.***

***Thank you for your cooperation.***

